



SATURDAY, September 6, 2008 VIGIL: Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 AM †Souls in Purgatory req by Mary Yando  
 4:00 PM †Wanda Adamczyk req by M/M Robert Allard  
 †The Zdroykowski Family req by M/M R. Pepin

SUNDAY, September 7, 2008 Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM †Margaret Santaniello req by Rita & Anita Fleury  
 †William James Sienkiewicz req by Bob & Elizabeth Pelott  
 10:30 AM †Denis Godboout req by Johanna Menard and family

MONDAY, September 8, 2008

- 8:00 AM †For all Fr. Vern's Intentions req by Rita Gallagher

TUESDAY, September 9, 2008

- 8:00 AM †Ed Wallace req by Lee Wallace  
 †Michael Sweeney 20<sup>th</sup> ann req by the family

WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2008

- 8:00 AM †Edward Pratt req by Jane Gabbie  
 †Joel Wyman req by Chris McGinnis

THURSDAY, September 11, 2008

- 8:00 AM †Morning Prayer

FRIDAY, September 12, 2008

- 8:00 AM †Morning Prayer

SATURDAY, September 13, 2008 VIGIL: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 4:00 PM †Larry Chiappetta Birthday Remembrance req by his wife and family  
 †M. Louise Scherpa 30<sup>th</sup> ann req by the family

SUNDAY, September 14, 2008 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8:00 AM †Joel Wyman req by M/M Thomas Grady & family  
 10:30 AM †Rev. John J. Ayers



***"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'"***

***- Mt. 18:15-16***

***Readings for Sept 13-14, 2008  
 Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17***

### ***The Pastor's Thoughts...***

-Here we are at the beginning of another school and parish year. Summer seems to pass by so quickly but there is great joy in welcoming new beginnings. This week we rejoice with "Holyoke Catholic High School" as they dedicate their new school facility on Monday with a dedication Mass at Assumption Church in Chicopee. Many have worked so hard to make this dream a reality and we join with them and our students who attend this fine school in giving thanks.

-Our Generations of Faith Program will be starting on the 20-21<sup>st</sup> of this month. Please note that we are still in need of the following help:

- +Sat. AM – Pre-school assistants  
 Middle school assistant.  
 Elementary catechist  
 +Sat PM – Elementary Catechist  
 +Sun. AM - Elementary Catechists (2)  
 Co-catechists for 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Assistant for 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade  
 +Sun PM 8<sup>th</sup> grade catechist and assistant  
 10<sup>th</sup> grade catechist.

Child care providers are needed for 3 and 4 year olds on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> during the Jason Kotecki performance.

We are deeply grateful to the many who have come forward and are deeply committed to this innovative program and hope that the above will soon be filled.

-Next Saturday at the 4PM Mass we rejoice with David and Jeanette Crowther as they celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We extend to them our prayerful best wishes and thank them for this wonderful witness to the sanctity and beauty of faithful married love.

-Our Diocesan Office of Religious Education is offering a special program designed for parents and guardians of children ages 3-18 entitled ***The Spirituality of Christian Parenting***. This is a five part series and begins at St. Michael's Cathedral on Saturday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Bishop McDonnell will celebrate Mass at 4PM and give a special blessing to all parents. For more info visit the Office of Religious Education link at [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org).

-The annual subscription drive for The Catholic Observer continues these next few weeks. There is much to be said about the quality of our Diocesan Newspaper and the information it offers during this time of very "bias" reporting regarding Catholic issues. Offering local, national and inter-national reporting, this is a fine way to keep yourself informed about issues that are affecting us as people of faith. To subscribe, complete the envelope found in your parish packet or pick up a subscription envelope in the church gathering space.

-The summer months have brought many visitors to our parish. One after another have commented on the warm welcome they have received, the beauty of our church and the great spirit of our parish community. We have much to be grateful for here at St. Francis.

***God bless you! Fr. Vern***

***The St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry is in need of canned soups. As always, thank you for keeping the Pantry supplied.***

*In Gratitude to God for His many gifts,  
the members of this parish have returned  
the following resources in support of the parish  
and its ministries...*

The Sunday Collection for Aug 30-31 was ..... \$5,519.52  
 Weekly Sunday Average ..... 5,807.53  
 Weekly Sunday Goal ..... 6,500.00  
 Mortgage & Expansion Collection for August 3-31 ..... 6,119.00  
 Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal ..... 6,000.00  
 Mortgage & Expansion August Overage ..... 119.00

**Eucharistic Adoration and Visitation** - The Adoration Info Line number is 323-6272 Extension 6. Please, always call just before coming in for your hour to see if Adoration has been closed due to extreme cold or bad weather. The Adoration Chapel (entrance around the rear of the church) is open to all parishioners for a visit before the Blessed Sacrament. Hours of Adoration are 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you would like to be a part of our Adoration program, either as an assigned adorer or substitute, please call Pam at 323-7416. **The following hours are in need of an Adorer: Monday 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Tuesday 9:00 – 10:00 AM, 1:00 – 2:00 PM and 2:00 – 3:00 PM.**

## Liturgical Roles

*Weekend of September 13-14, 2008*

### Lectors

4:00 PM Phanuef  
 8:00 AM Crosby  
 10:30 AM Abuselmi

### Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Buczko, Carney, Coty, Couture, Lemire, Racine, Symanczyk  
 8:00 AM Kielbasa, McGinnis, Miffitt, Moran, Ricardi, Tovet, Pat A.  
 10:30 AM Belanger, Cominoli, Desilets, Fedora, Lawrence, Groux, Lattrell

### Altar Servers

4:00 PM A. Beaupre, M. & A. Patel  
 8:00 AM R. & N. Gousy, C. Dalton  
 10:30 AM C. Grady, M. & F. Hegarty

**Pro Life Corner** – Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska knew through prenatal diagnosis that her fifth child had Down syndrome. Following the baby’s birth, the Palin family issued this statement: “Trig is beautiful and already adored by us. We knew through early testing he would face special challenges, and we feel privileged that God would entrust us with this gift and allow us unspeakable joy as he entered our life”

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**Generations of Faith**, season 5, is only 2 short weekends away. If you are planning to participate, we need your registration information immediately. Our theme is *Credo, I believe. A study of our Creed*. This program is for all ages. Send your paperwork to the religious ed office right away.



**Brick Corner** – We would like to thank the following parishioners who have “purchased a brick” for our new church, either in their name or in the name of a loved one:

Imelda Swank – One Brick In Memory of Joel Wyman. Don & Paula Moran – One Brick In Memory of Joel Wyman. Pat Foley & Darlene Dewhurst – One Brick In Honor of Gloria Jackson. Thank you for your support and please remind your friends that they, also, can “buy a brick”. They are only \$10.00 each.

**Our Lady of the Angels SFO** will have an information session this Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Tovet Room at the church. This will be a brief overview of the Secular Franciscan Order. All are welcome. For questions, please call Kathy Ricardi at 323-9023 or Lynn Carney at 323-5537.

**KofC Soccer Challenge** – The KofC will be sponsoring a soccer challenge for boys and girls, ages 10 through 14, this Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Jabish Brook School. This competition is designed for players to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills – the penalty kick! Each player will be allowed fifteen shots at the goal from the penalty line. The goal will be divided into a series of 5 scoring zones. The upper corners of the goal will be designated as 20 point zones. The lower corners will be designated as 10 point zones and the central region is a 5 point zone. All participants receive certificates of participation, with winners receiving additional recognition. One does not have to be a great athlete to enjoy and do well in this event! Registration forms, requiring parental consent, are available in the back of the church or in the Town Recreation department office. If you have any questions, please call 323-5822 or speak with any KofC member.

**Reminder – Our Christmas Fair** is creeping up – November 8<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of time to make knit articles – Christmas decorations and special gifts. Think about your special basket in the Chinese Auction. More information to come.

Your Fund Raising Committee

**Hide and Seek** – Secrets from childhood for the stressed, busy and burned out. Are you busy? Stressed? Burned out? God didn’t design life to be this way. Make your escape! Join author and cartoonist Jason Kotecki for a hilarious and uplifting look at how to stress less and have more fun by uncovering a more childlike faith. With a witty combination of humor and inspiration, Jason will provide ideas on how to “Escape Adulthood,” while gaining peace of mind about the things you worry about most. You can find out more about Jason’s ministry at [www.KimandJason.com](http://www.KimandJason.com). Please join us at the Belchertown HS Auditorium on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30–8:00 PM or Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00-3:30 PM. To hear this awesome and inspiring message. Ages 5-105 are welcome and encouraged to attend – that means singles, families, couples – everyone. Tickets are available through the CCD office - 323-6272 ext 2 or can be purchased at the door. Students and elders \$5, adults \$10, family \$25.

***Michael Sweeney Prayer Line***

From August 25<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 the following intentions were added to our already long list of requests for prayers. Won't you please join us in praying for them all.

For Marty, diagnosis, healing and hope

Prayers asked for loving support for Jane

For Christy, a safe delivery of healthy baby Julia

Thanksgiving for prayers answered for Bill

For a safe trip to Florida for Ruth, Andy and a friend 8/26

Prayers are asked for a friend who needs protection and help with a serious problem

Healing for Jack

For Rachel, a safe and enjoyable trip to and from California 8/29-9/9

For a safe and enjoyable trip to and from California for Adam 8/29 – 9/3

That a lady will get the apartment she wants, to make her life easier

For Nathan for healing

Prayers are asked for improved health for Frisbie

Thanksgiving for good health for Irene M

Continued prayers for relief of pain for Will

Prayers for healing for Ruth D. who is in a nursing home

For relief of pain for Charlie and God's will be done

Thanksgiving for successful surgery for Kirk, continued prayers asked for successful treatment, healing and strength for his family

For Kelly, a successful transition back to school and success in finding a good job

Thanksgiving for prayers answered for Louise

Thanksgiving for prayers answered for Barbara

For a woman for healing

For a man for healing

For Mary to come back to her Faith and trust in God to help her

Help for Audrey during the health crisis she faces and prayers are asked for her family

Continued prayers asked for healing for Louise

Thanksgiving for all God's Graces and His answers to the requests of the prayer line. If you would like to have the prayer line members pray for you or a loved one, please call Chris McGinnis, 323-6622, Louise Groux, 323-4046 or Marion Masse, 323-7169.

**Religious Vocations Corner** – In the second reading today, Paul reminds us that we belong to the Lord. It is important, then, to know what the lord has in mind for us. If you think you are being called to a church vocation, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or E-Mail: [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org).



***Anniversary Mass for Married Couples***

Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell cordially invites all married couples celebrating any significant wedding anniversary in 2008 to a special Anniversary Mass and Reception on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, Springfield. Many couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries attend every year, but any couples wishing to remember their anniversary with this

special liturgy are invited. Please notify your parish office (323-6272 ext 1) of your name and address and number of years before September 15<sup>th</sup> to receive a personal invitation.